15: U.S. Navy --21 [5] (no date) 1944 Formosans
116, 157, 167, 625, 177.18 Japanese
636.18

"The Japanese are exceptionally thorough and successful organizers, and have brought under their own control the economic life of the island. The police force and many of the urban commercial people came originally from Southern Kyushu and Shikoku, and speak the local dialects of those regions. The Japanese of the metropolitan areas in the homeland speak frankly of the hardness and unattractiveness of the colonial Japanese character in Taiwan."

37: Steere--318 S-3 (1873-74?) 1875 Formosans
116, 131, 311, 161, 563, 157

"The Pescadores are a group of low flat islands between Formosa and the mainland. They seem to be composed almost entirely of basaltic rock, which is partly columnar in many of the cliffs. There is iron ore found upon Fisher's island. The rock of the island is barely covered with soil, but nearly their whole surface is cultivated during the south-west monsoon, in sweet potatoes, pea-nuts, and millet. The inhabitants are estimated at eighty thousand, and there are said to be thirty towns and villages. The town of Makang, which is the largest, probably has twelve or fifteen thousand inhabitants. Its harbor is good, but the entrance is intricate. The Chinese live generally in houses made of coral rock that is frequently cut into blocks. They are descendants of the Fuh-kienese, and are all fishermen. They have considerable trade with the mainland and with Formosa in dried fish and in hogs, which are fattened upon pea-nuts, and in pea-nut oil. The feet of all the women are small, though their hard and laborious life must make this custom troublesome enough. I saw one small-footed woman ploughing and driving the buffalo, though the wind was blowing a gale at the time, so that we could hardly stand before it. The islanders are a rough and uncivilized race, accustomed to hardships, and the charges of piracy and wrecking made against them, are, without doubt, true. They are the boldest of fisherman, and during the warm monsoon, are almost amphibious. I was there in January, when the weather was cold and the wind and sea high, but when they found that I wished coral and shells, they procured me large quantities living. The islands make a good place for shelter for Chinese junks

40: Kirk--24-25 S-2 (no date) 1941 Formosans
116, 157, 185, 177. 18 Japanese

"The Japanese are ambitious and aggressive; the Formosan Chinese are good natured and easygoing. The general opinion seems to be that Japan will succeed in its policy of assimilation, although old-timers whisper that the Formosan temperament is outwardly docile, but inwardly rebellious, and often finds ways of getting what it wants [25] in spite of official regulations. This control by force, combined with the passive temperament of the people, makes open resistance extremely unlikely, but as one Formosan told the writer, 'Many reforms are changes in outward appearance only. They do not transform the spirit within.'

It is probable that many specially qualified Formosans who have accepted the 'New Order' in Taiwan will find increasing opportunity to participate in the 'reconstruction' of China under Japanese rule; for the Taiwan plan of administration may by extended to the mainland in pursuit of a 'New Order' for South China."